

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board
Agenda
August 5, 2016
7:00 a.m.

Madison Avenue Meeting Room
500 SW Madison Avenue

- I. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions
- II. Approve July 1, 2016 Minutes (attachment)
- III. Community Comments
- IV. Old Business
 - 2016 CIP Project Suggestions (discussion and ranking – see attachment)
- V. New Business
 - Update from BPAB outreach working group
- VI. Information Sharing
- VII. Commission Requests and Reports
- VIII. Pending Items
 - 29th and Grant Intersection
 - Green Lane Markings
 - BPAB/Public Works Topic Tracking

Commission Members:

Meghan Karas, Chair	Emersen Price
Ron George, Vice Chair	Brad Upton
Brian Bovee	James Whittemore
Trevor Heald	Mike Beilstein, Council Liaison

Next Meeting: September 2, 2016

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
July 1, 2016
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Present

Meghan Karas, Chair
Ron Georg, Vice Chair
Brad Upton
Brian Bovee
Trevor Heald
James Whittemore
Emersen Price
Mike Beilstein, City Council

Staff

Greg Wilson, Public Works
Lisa Scherf, Public Works

Visitors

Laura Duncan Allen

Absent

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Information Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations
I. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions	X		
II. Review of June 2, 2016 Minutes			Approved
III. Community Comments	N/A		
IV. Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bike Practitioner Summit StatusBPAB Annual Report to Council	X		The Board formed a working group to discuss possible open house dates, and formats
V. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">2016 Capital Improvement Program Project Suggestions	X		
VI. Information Sharing	X		
VII. Commission Requests and Reports	N/A		
VIII. Pending Items	N/A		

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

I. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions

Chair Karas called the meeting to order and those present introduced themselves.

II. Review of Minutes

Board Member Upton moved to approve the June minutes; Board Member Georg seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Community Comments

None.

IV. Old Business

Bike Practitioner Summit Status

The Board cancelled a planned Bicycle Summit in May due to a lack of response from its list of invitees. At the Board's June meeting, Mr. Wilson was asked to send an email to the 19 invited organizations assessing their interest and willingness to attend a Bicycle Summit. Mr. Wilson stated that he had sent the email and received responses from eight organizations stating that they wanted to reschedule the Summit. The other eleven organizations did not respond. Board Member Upton recommended against continuing to pursue the summit, since the prime target audience did not respond. Councilor Beilstein said that since part of the purpose was outreach, maybe the idea can be rechanneled into topic-focused "town hall" meetings, inviting the general public in addition to organizational leaders. Chair Upton suggested holding more open houses, with specific topics. The Board agreed that the previous open house had been a success and that the open house idea is a good one. The Board formed a working group consisting of Board Members Price, Upton, and Heald to discuss possible dates and formats for an open house to be held later this year.

BPAB Annual Report to Council

Chair Karas reported that she presented the annual report to Council, noting that it went well. She stated that Council members had asked a lot of questions and appeared interested in bicycle and pedestrian issues.

V. New Business

2016 Capital Improvement Program Project Suggestions

The Board reviewed and discussed the new 2017 Capital Improvement Program suggestions, as well as the projects that had been suggested and ranked by the Board in previous years. They will be ranking all of the projects at their August meeting.

VI. Information Sharing

The Board discussed the recent grand opening of a "bike share" program called Zagster, coordinated by the Cascades West Council of Governments. City Transportation staff have provided assistance with the siting of the six bike share stations and the promotion of the program. Ms. Scherf reported that the Oregon Department of Transportation's statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager and new Active Transportation Liaison for Region Two attended the event. Also in attendance were Oregon State University's Transportation Services Director and her new Transportation Options staff person.

Ms. Scherf reported that Public Works had acquired an electric assist bicycle that staff can use for short trips, such as traveling to City Hall or the Post office, rather than traveling by car.

Ms. Scherf reported that the Imagine Corvallis (Vision 2040) project has a survey available on the internet and recommended that the members of the Board take a few minutes to provide their feedback.

Mr. Wilson reported that Fred Meyer is planning to remodel their store and reconfigure their site. They have acquired the apartment building on the NW corner of Taylor Avenue and 19th Street and are requesting a Comprehensive Plan change that will allow the site to be rezoned from high density residential to mixed use commercial. This may present an opportunity for pedestrian and bicycle improvements within and adjacent to the site.

VII. Commission Requests and Reports

None.

VIII. Pending Items

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: August 5, 2016, 7:00 a.m., Madison Avenue Meeting Room

2017 Bicycle/Pedestrian CIP Suggestions Received

1) Project Location: 99W, Circle Boulevard to Conifer Boulevard

Suggestion: Extend bike path along 99W from Circle Blvd. to Conifer Blvd.

Benefits: Easier access for bicycling between north Corvallis and downtown; improved access to hospital.

This project is in ODOT right-of-way.

2) Project Location: 35th and Campus Way

Suggestion: Install a pedestrian activated crossing at 35th Street and Campus Way path

Benefits: Improved safety for pedestrians, as traffic on 35th Street often does not yield to pedestrians, and OSU is constructing more buildings on the west side of 35th Street.

The City's Council Policy on Crosswalks (reviewed in June 2015) generally would not allow pedestrian activated crosswalks on two-lane roadways. Staff is working with OSU on options such as a pedestrian island or curb extension (bulb) to improve pedestrian safety.

3) Project Location: South 3rd Street

Suggestion: Remove bike lane and widen sidewalk along east side of South 3rd Street (Hwy 99W) from Chapman Place to Crystal Lake Drive; remove driveway between First Alternative Co-op and FireWorks restaurant; route Chapman Place behind co-op and reconnect on south side of FireWorks Restaurant.

Benefits: Easier pedestrian and bike travel along South 3rd Street and fewer places for conflicts with motor vehicles.

The Marys River – Crystal Lake Drive project should alleviate some of the issues noted here. Environmental work will begin this year, with design the following year and construction in two years.

4) Project Location: 9th Street from old Cannery Mall to Circle Blvd. or Walnut Blvd.

Suggestion: Install left turn lanes with planted medians where feasible

Benefits: Pedestrian safety, beauty

The recommendation to install medians along 9th Street was included in a Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Area report that studied the whole 9th Street corridor. The report also recommended pedestrian activated crossings and four locations, three of which have been installed with grant funding.

5) Project Location: Riverfront area

Suggestion: Install a pedestrian bridge over the Willamette River and couple with recreational development on the east side

Benefits: Accessible downtown recreation, healthy options for residents

There are many challenges with this: funding, dealing two jurisdictions, environmental issues, the Willamette River Greenway permit process, etc.

Recommended BPAB 2016 CIP Projects (Summer 2015) (IN order of priority):

Tunison – Avery Shared Use Path	1
Marys River to Crystal Lake Dr. Shared Use path	2
Pedestrian Crossings on 9 th Street	3
Harrison Blvd. Bike Lanes 29 th – 35 th Streets	4
Hwy. 99W Bike Path Extension South to LBCC	5
Trail Connection through OSU Dairy Property (Circle Blvd. Shared Use Path Extension)	6
Sidewalk Infill	7

Adopted 2016 CIP Bike-Ped Related Projects (NOT in order of priority)

35th Street Sidewalks and Railroad Crossing (construction in summer 2016)
Marys River – Crystal Lake Drive Shared-Use Path Pedestrian Crossings
Safe Routes to Schools
Sidewalk Infill
Tunison – Avery Shared Use Path
Downtown Wayfinding
Madison Avenue Improvements